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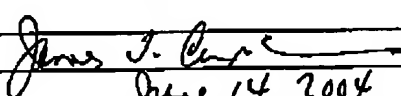
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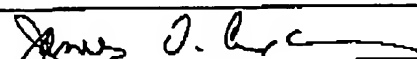
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In response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2004, please consider the following remarks. This submission includes the following section:

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